

## *Editorial*

### ENTERING THE TEENS

With the present issue, the journal begins its XTH Volume and this is an occasion to ponder over the past and to look forward to the future of the periodical.

The Association of Physiologists and Pharmacologists of India was formed at Baroda in 1955. That, there was a need for such an association was doubted by a few but this has since been amply justified. Keeping in view its most important objective—"To promote the advancement of Physiology, Pharmacology and allied Sciences in India"; starting the publication of its Scientific Journal was an important means to achieve the desired end. The prime task of such a publication is to dedicate it as a medium for presentation and interpretation of experimental observations in these basic sciences and to disseminate scientific knowledge at a high level of scholarship and thus serve as an instrument of advancing medical education in this country. This onerous responsibility was taken over by Professor M.L. Gujral and the first issue was published in January 1957. Later such eminent scientist as Dr. N.K. Dutta and Prof. M.L. Gupta were elected to the office of Editor and with the collaboration of distinguished teams nurtured this infant adventure with their tender care.

Editorials are often thought to be dull by some, while several others consider that opinions from the Editor on subjects of current interest could be expressed with profit. With the provision of column for "*Letters to the Editor*"—a forum for healthy discussion on various subjects is instituted herewith.

Reviews and commentaries play an increasingly important part these days in critical analysis of a large amount of accumulated though highly dispersed and isolated facts in scientific literature. Earnest attempt are in progress to get to work on such projects, and help from the readers would always be gratefully accepted.

Enormous work still remains to be done. Such ideas as guest writers (from regional or international sister associations) be invited to contribute to the journal; columns of "*Short Communications*" or "*Preliminary Reports*" and *Abstracts* of current literature be instituted are also under active consideration.

It has not been possible to expand the text of the journal because of mounting cost of publication and paucity of funds. The back log of manuscripts awaiting publication is still there; though in the past year, by strenuous effort it has been possible to reduce the delay between the receipt of finally accepted articles and their publication.

This publication is the result of composite labour of the authors who send us their fine studies; the work of the able collaborators of the Editor, the association members, the printers; the subscribers and the advertisers whose continuous support makes this publication possible.

This Editor acknowledges several errors of commission and omission but is encouraged by the consistent belief and demand of the members of the association to maintain high standard and this he shall do.

The spirit of "Entering the Teens" could express itself in excuberance, and explosive growth out of the old worn out attire. Although "Clothes maketh the man" and in these days of "drain pipes", "tighties", and "beatle styles", the journal acquires *just* a new jacket. In spite of a frown from some, it is hoped that the majority of readers will be charitable to this adolescent who has chosen a simple colour and a design which will wear at least for some years to come.

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